

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. For protecting a radiator mounted behind the front grille of a motor vehicle, a
2 shield comprising a grating for vertical disposition between the grille and the radiator, a plurality
3 of couplings, each said coupling comprising a first member adapted to be mounted on a frame of
4 the vehicle in a vertically planar pattern forward of the radiator and a second member contoured
5 to engage downwardly on and be supported by said first member, and a plurality of means for
6 securing said second members to said grating in a pattern horizontally coincident with said first
7 members of said vertically planar pattern.

1 2. For protecting a radiator mounted behind the front grille of a motor vehicle, a
2 shield comprising a grating for vertical disposition between the grille and the radiator, said
3 grating having a matrix of openings tapering from front to rear thereof, a plurality of couplings,
4 each said coupling comprising a first member adapted to be mounted on a frame of the vehicle in
5 a vertically planar pattern forward of the radiator and a second member contoured to engage
6 downwardly on and be supported by said first member, and a plurality of means for securing said
7 second members to said grating in a pattern horizontally coincident with said first members of
8 said vertically planar pattern.

1 3. For protecting a radiator mounted behind the front grille of a motor vehicle, a
2 shield comprising a grating for vertical disposition between the grille and the radiator, said
3 grating having a matrix of openings tapering from front to rear thereof, a plurality of buttons
4 adapted to be mounted on a frame of the vehicle in a vertically planar pattern forward of the
5 radiator, a plurality of clips, each being contoured to engage downwardly on and be supported by
6 one of said buttons, a plurality of plugs, each being contoured to be seated in one of said
7 openings, said plurality of plugs being dispersed in said grating, and a plurality of means for
8 securing said clips to said plugs with said grating clamped therebetween.

1 4. A shield according to claim 3, said openings being quadrangular.

1 5. A shield according to claim 4, said openings having the shape of a truncated
2 pyramid.

1 6. A shield according to claim 3, each said securing means comprising a shaft on
2 each said clip threadedly engaged in a hole in its respective said plug.

1 7. A shield according to claim 3, each said button comprising a tap screw having a
2 flange projecting from a shank thereof.

1 8. A shield according to claim 7, each said clip comprising a body having an open-
2 bottomed receptacle of T-shaped cross-section for receiving a head and said shank of said tap
3 screw therein.

1 9. A shield according to claim 8, said securing means comprising a shaft on each
2 said body threadedly engaged in a hole in its respective said plug.

1 10. A shield according to claim 8, at least one of said clips further comprising means
2 for locking said button in said receptacle.

1 11. A shield according to claim 10, said locking means comprising a detent on a leaf
2 spring fastened to said clip, an indentation in said button for engagement with said detent and a
3 mechanism on said clip for bending said leaf spring against bias to permit withdrawal of said
4 detent from said indentation.

1 12. For protecting a radiator mounted behind the front grille of a motor vehicle, a
2 shield comprising a grating for vertical disposition between the grille and the radiator, said
3 grating having a matrix of openings tapering from front to rear thereof, a plurality of clips
4 adapted to be mounted on a frame of the vehicle in a vertically planar pattern forward of the
5 radiator, a plurality of buttons, each being contoured to engage downwardly on and be supported
6 by one of said clips, a plurality of plugs, each being contoured to be seated in one of said
7 openings, said plurality of plugs being dispersed in said grating, and a plurality of means for
8 securing said buttons to said plugs with said grating clamped therebetween.

1 13. A shield according to claim 12, said openings being quadrangular.

1 14. A shield according to claim 13, said openings having the shape of a truncated
2 pyramid.

1 15. A shield according to claim 12, each said securing means comprising a shaft on
2 each said button threadedly engaged in a hole in its respective said plug.

1 16. A shield according to claim 15, each said button further comprising an annular
2 flange on said shaft and a shank extending from said flange to a head of said button.

1 17. A shield according to claim 16, each said clip comprising a body having an open-
2 topped receptacle of T-shaped cross-section for receiving a head and said shank of said button
3 therein.

1 18. A shield according to claim 17, said securing means comprising a shaft on each
2 said body threadedly engaged in a hole in its respective said plug.

1 19. A shield according to claim 17, at least one of said clips further comprising means
2 for locking said button in said receptacle.

1 20. A shield according to claim 19, said locking means comprising a detent on a leaf
2 spring fastened to said clip, an indentation in said button for engagement with said detent and a
3 mechanism on said clip for bending said leaf spring against bias to permit withdrawal of said
4 detent from said indentation.